

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cuba

a. Monday's high-altitude photography showed about 85 trucks at one pier in Havana harbor and about 40 more at another. There is nothing to indicate what they were doing there. Monday's photography does not reveal whether the 70 empty trucks seen parked on the outskirts of Havana the day before were still there.

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2. Communist China

a. [redacted] impending military redeployment in the Foochow military district facing Taiwan. [redacted] more toward a withdrawal of units than to a build-up.

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a. President Betancourt says that Lopez Mateos registered surprise on hearing that third country nationals were travelling to Cuba by way of Mexico with visas stamped on pieces of paper separate from their passports, thereby preventing their governments from setting up controls.

b. Betancourt has promised to provide supporting evidence to Lopez Mateos. Mexico, said Lopez Mateos, does not want to be a transmission belt for travel to Cuba if it can be shown that this endangers Venezuela.

c. Betancourt asserts that if Mexico does not take the necessary steps, he will insist that his foreign office pass on any Venezuelan who wants to travel to Mexico.

4. Guatemala

a. Defense Minister Peralta may be about to align himself with rightist military officers bent on overthrowing the Ydigoras government. Their grievance is Ydigoras' tolerance of the presidential aspirations of Juan Jose Arevalo, who is anathema to the rightists.

b. In a move which could be related to the conspiracy, Guatemalan security forces were yesterday ordered to be alert against the danger of a leftist-Communist attempt to overthrow the government

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5. Uruguay

a. The Uruguayan parliament yesterday approved the limited state of seige declared by the government in the face of the continuing utilities strike.

b. There is no word this morning of a reaction from the Communists who had resolved to call a general strike if the government acted as it has.

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- B. Yemen Ralph Bunche plans to arrive in Yemen either today or tomorrow to begin a "fact finding" mission for U Thant.

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- D. Philippines-US A Filipino Senator, who is considered a mouthpiece for President Macapagal, has accused President Kennedy from the Senate floor of not giving a fair hearing to the Philippines' position on Malaysia. Ambassador Stevenson sees this as a further sign that Macapagal is worried over US intentions toward the Philippines regarding not only Borneo but military assistance, economic aid, and trade policy as well.